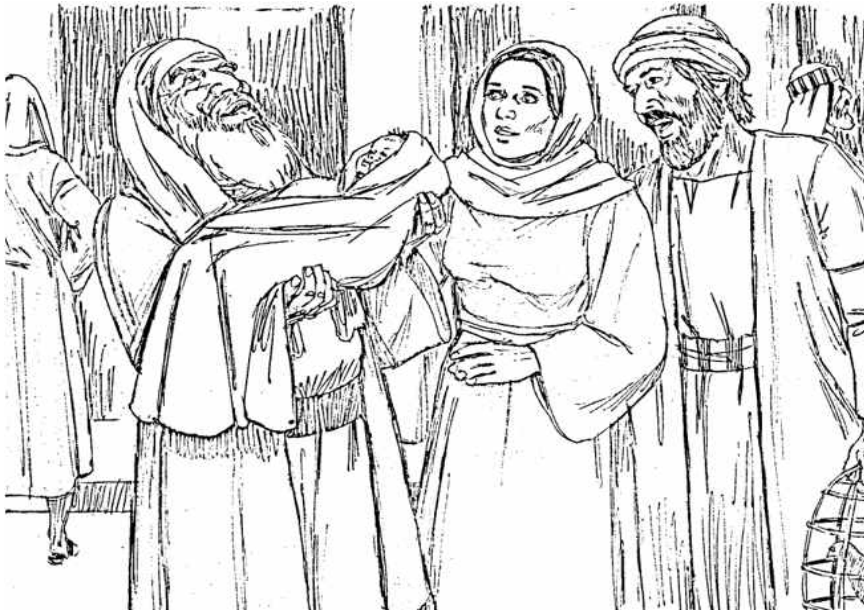


2021

“Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE who promised is Faithful”



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF
CHRISTMAS**

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship with us today!

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

OPENING DIALOGUE (based on Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8)

Leader: My soul finds rest in God alone;

All: My salvation comes from Him.

Leader: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

All: He is my fortress,

Leader: I will never be shaken.

All: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

Leader: My hope comes from Him.

All: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

Leader: He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

All: My salvation and my honor depend on God;

Leader: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

All: Trust in Him at all times, O people;

Leader: Pour out your hearts to Him,

All: For God is our refuge.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you. (Wave and/or Honk to each other)

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory LBW #50

Verse 1

Angels, from the realms of glory,

Wing your flight o'er all the earth;

Once you sang creation's story;

Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

**Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, The new-born King!**

Verse 2

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, The new-born King!**

Verse 3

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
You have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, The new-born King!**

Verse 4

**All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, The new-born King!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: O God,,

All: **You never forsake those who hope in You. Grant that we may live in the hope You have given us by Your Word as an anchor of our souls, sure and steadfast, to preserve us unshaken and secure in all the storms of this life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LESSON

Ephesians 1:1 - 14

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22 - 52

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

At the Temple

HYMN

Once In Royal David's City

Verse 1

**Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

Verse 2

**He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

Verse 3

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness,
And He shares in all our gladness.**

Verse 4

**And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He has gone.**

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *in unison*

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High **LBW #71**

Verse 1

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be;
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!

2021 Theme Verses

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Micah 7:7

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

NEXT SUNDAY January 10, 2020
Baptism of Our Lord

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Romans 6:1-11
Mark 1:4-11

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Altar Flowers

2021 Flower Chart

The flower chart is ready for you to sign up to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. You may come in to sign up in person.

Or you may email the church with your special dates and we can check the date and sign you up.

2021 Annual Congregational Meeting
Tentatively Scheduled to be held following
Worship on Sunday, January 24, 2021.